



## A FACT SHEET ABOUT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

*Domestic violence is a pattern of coercive behavior that is used by one person to gain power and control over another. It may include physical violence, sexual assault, emotional, psychological, and verbal abuse, stalking, and emotional control.*<sup>i</sup>

### Domestic Violence in New Hampshire

*In 2009, Coalition member agencies assisted 6,933 females, and 515 male victims of domestic violence.*

#### According to the NH Violence Against Women Survey:

- It is estimated that 166,131 (33.4%) women in New Hampshire have experienced physical assault by an intimate partner. That number is greater than the population of Manchester and Concord combined by almost 14,000.
- For the majority of victims of either sexual or physical violence, the perpetrator of the most recent assault they experienced was someone whom they knew.
- 17% of women in the study reported experiencing both sexual and physical violence.
- Consistent with other research, women reporting multiple types of abuse also reported poorer physical health. Women who report having a chronic disease or medical condition were more likely to report sexual and physical violence than women who do not report having a chronic disease or medical condition.

### Domestic Violence in the United States

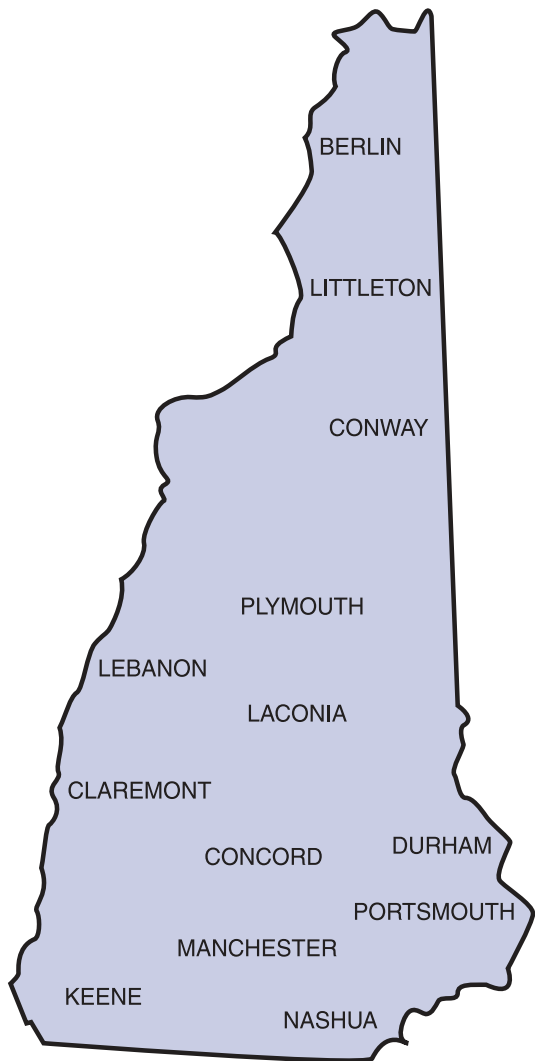
- On average, more than three women are murdered by their husbands or boyfriends in this country everyday.<sup>ii</sup>
- Women ages 20-24 years of age are at the greatest risk for intimate partner violence.<sup>iii</sup>
- 40% of teenage girls, ages 14 to 17 say they know someone their age who has been hit or beaten by a boyfriend.<sup>iv</sup>
- Homicide is the leading cause of death for pregnant women in the United States.<sup>v</sup> 50%-75% of women abused before pregnancy are abused during pregnancy.<sup>vi</sup>
- Victims of domestic violence often return to their abusers because they cannot find long-term housing.<sup>vii</sup> In a survey by the U.S. Conference of Mayors, 50% of cities surveyed cited domestic violence as a primary cause of homelessness.<sup>viii</sup>

### The Cost of Domestic Violence

- Intimate partner victimization against U.S. women ages 18 and older results in more than 18.5 million mental health care visits each year.<sup>ix</sup>
- A study released by the US Centers for Disease Control in October 2005 found that health care costs associated with each incident of domestic violence were \$948 in cases where women were the victims and \$387 in cases where men were the victims. The study also found that domestic violence against women results in more emergency room visits and inpatient hospitalizations, including greater use of physician services than domestic violence where men are the victims.<sup>x</sup>
- The annual cost of lost productivity due to domestic violence is estimated as \$727.8 million. Victims lose nearly 8 million days of paid work as a result of the violence.<sup>ix</sup>
- A recent national survey of CEO's and employees found that 1 in 4 women in the workplace identify as a domestic violence survivor or victim.<sup>xi</sup>
- The majority of executives in this same survey recognized the significant impact that domestic violence has on productivity and the bottom line, however only 13% say corporations should address the problem in a concerted way. In contrast 9 out of 10 employees surveyed say businesses should be part of the solution to ending domestic violence.<sup>xi</sup>

The 14 member programs of the New Hampshire Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence assist survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, and stalking, and members of their families, with 24-hour crisis lines, emergency shelter, counseling, support groups, and help dealing with police, medical and court personnel. We do not discriminate based on gender, age, health status (including – HIV positive), physical, mental, or emotional ability, sexual orientation, gender identity/expression, socio-economic status, race, national origin, immigration status, or religious or political affiliation. The crisis centers also provide speakers and educational programs to community groups.

## NH CRISIS CENTERS:



**RESPONSE to Sexual & Domestic Violence (1-866-644-3574)**  
Berlin, Colebrook, Lancaster

**The Support Center at Burch House (1-800-774-0544)**  
Littleton, Woodsville

**Starting Point: Services for Victims of Domestic & Sexual Violence (1-800-336-3795)**  
Conway, Ossipee

**Voices Against Violence (1-877-221-6176)**  
Plymouth

**WISE (1-866-348-WISE)**  
Lebanon

**New Beginnings Without Violence and Abuse (1-866-644-3574)**  
Laconia and all of Belknap County

**Turning Points Network (1-800-639-3130)**  
Claremont, Newport

**Sexual Harassment and Rape Prevention Program (SHARPP)  
University of New Hampshire (1-888-271-SAFE (7233))**  
Durham

**Rape and Domestic Violence Crisis Center (1-866-644-3574)**  
Concord

**A Safe Place (1-800-854-3552)**  
Portsmouth, Rochester, Salem

**Sexual Assault Support Services (1-888-747-7070)**  
Portsmouth, Rochester

**YWCA Crisis Service (603-668-2299)**  
Manchester, Derry

**Monadnock Center for Violence Prevention (1-888-511-6287)**  
Keene, Jaffrey, Peterborough

**Bridges: Domestic & Sexual Violence Support (603-883-3044)**  
Nashua, Milford

**NH Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence**  
PO Box 353 Concord, NH 03302  
(603) 224-8893 - [www.nhcadv.org/](http://www.nhcadv.org/) Teen site: [www.Reachoutnh.com](http://www.Reachoutnh.com)

**Statewide Toll-free hotline numbers:**  
**Domestic violence: 1-866-644-3574**  
**Sexual assault: 1-800-277-5570**

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